

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to incorporate some of the features recited in allowed claims 6 and 9 of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/347,689, which is the parent of this application. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,263,161 to Washisu in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,278,842 to Yamazaki et al. (Yamazaki). The rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

With regard to claims 1-4, Applicant respectfully submits that neither Washisu nor Yamazaki discloses or suggests a vibration correction optical device including, *inter alia*, a mode switch for selectively switching to at least one of a first mode and a second mode of control to be implemented by the drive signal calculation control unit that includes all the features recited in amended claim 1.

With regard to claim 5, the Office Action fails to identify any portion of either Washisu or Yamazaki that discloses or suggests a drive signal calculation control unit that sets a number of sets of sampling data of the vibration detection signal according to the state judged by the vibration state judgment unit, as recited in claim 5. Applicant respectfully submits that neither Washisu nor Yamazaki discloses or suggests the drive signal calculation control unit including all the features recited in claim 5.

For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the combination of Washisu and Yamazaki fails to disclose or suggest all the feature recited in independent claims 1 and 5 as well as all the features recited in claims 2-4 and 6. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

The Office Action fails to reject claim 6. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 6 is allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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